

The Comets Tale



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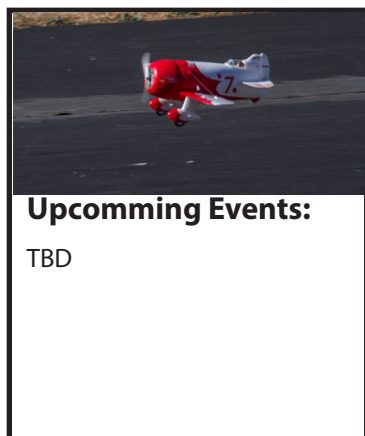
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The Comets' Tale is the official newsletter and record of the Ventura Count Comets, AMA Chartered Club #173 and is published every other month at the Comets' Tale Lair, in Agoura Hills, CA.

Editorial contributions are always welcome.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, TBD
At the Oak View Community Center



Upcomming Events:

TBD

Presidents Message:

Hello everyone. Well another two months have flown by since our last issue of the Tale. From what I hear flying out a the field has been good with sunny days, not too hot and little wind. Thanks to all of you who continue to help out with keeping the field clean and maintained. For me it has been a challenging past month two months. My wife and I have been doing a bathroom remodeling project, doing all the work ourselves, and it is taking me a lot longer than I ever imagined. I guess my 74 year old body doesn't move as fast as I remembered it did! I have been going like the hammers of hell since February trying to get it done. Then I got word that my stepfather was going to have hip replacement surgery and asked if I could come help him and my mother

(she is 95) while he was recovering. So, for the past 3+ weeks I have been at their home in North Las Vegas playing care giver. Bottom line is I have not flown out at the field for almost 2 months. Hopefully I will be home by the time the Tale get published for the month of September. Oh well, enough of my belly aching.

Our campaign to raise \$20,000 for repaving the runway is well underway. Beyond the emails I have sent out

to each of you, I have written our AMA District X Vice President asking that he promote our fund raising effort to the clubs throughout Southern California. I also sent a personal email to the presidents of the Camarillo Flying Circus, the Simi Valley Flyers and the Camarillo Condors asking for the same support. All three have already passed along our Go Fund Me web site info to their members. I made contact with AMA headquarters and they pointed me to a link on the AMA web site where we can get the name, email address and contact point for all the AMA chartered clubs across the nation. My goal, with help from the Board members, is to make contact with all the RC clubs in the greater south west asking for their help with promoting our Go Fund Me campaign to their respective membership. The more we make contact with folks that have similar interest in model building and flying, the greater the potential for contributions. I can't emphasize enough how important it is for each one of us to take a couple of minutes and pass along our funding goal to friends, family members and fellow flyers. I did this the day we launched the campaign. I hope you have taken the initiative to do the same. We have also updated our Comets web site with an announcement on the banner page about the fund raising effort and a link to the Go Fund Me site.

To date (9-3-20) we have received over \$6,000 in contributions. Most have come through the Go Fund Me site, but a few have also come from contributions to TJ, either directly or through the mail. We are doing great, given that the campaign was launched just a little over a week ago! What is important is to keep the momentum with getting the word out. Hopefully, when potential contributors see the generosity of those that have given so far, they will feel compelled to also put some money in the pot. In that regard the Board wants to directly thank the following folks who have given so generously:

Peter Perry	\$500	Ken Duddridge	\$1,000
John Dugan	\$500	Barbara Cerial	\$1,000
James Polk	\$500	Anonymous	\$500
George Boston	\$500	Ron Scott	\$1,000
Ron Golding	\$500		

Many other generous contributions have also been received and we want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone. Every contribution is sincerely appreciated, no matter how large or small with helping us reach our goal of \$20,000.

Covid19 still mandates that we cannot conduct gatherings of more than 10 people. So the September Comets business meeting is cancelled. Here is my update of business issues affecting the club:

New Members: We had no new members join club since my last update.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: The May meeting was cancelled

Treasurers Report: The September Treasurers Report is attached to this months Tale

Safety Report: Nothing specific to report. Please be safe when flying and operating your model.

Old Business:

Tough Shed Project

TJ and his crew of volunteers have made great progress with preparations for the installation of the new shed. TJ, with the help of John Dugan, Dennis Fingold, and Greg Nowland have finished constructing the foundation for the shed. This foundation was mandated by the Tough Shed folks before they would begin installation of the shed. A contract has been signed with Tough Shed and delivery/installation is set to begin on 15 Sept.

FAA NRPM on Remote ID of UAS

There has been virtually no movement at the FAA on the proposed rule for remote identification of UAS.

Repair/Repaving the Runway

GREAT progress with the fund raising effort. Thanks to all of you, and let's keep the momentum!

New Business:

September is the month that we should stand up a nominating committee for election of new officers. This year we will be seeking nominations for the offices of President and Treasurer. Last year we elected/reinstated Berny Hammer as Vice President, and Dennis Fingold as Safety Officer. All officers serve a two year term. I am not going to stand up a nominating committee, unless someone wants to volunteer to chair it. All dues paying members are eligible to fill the two positions. This includes the incumbents presently serving, me and TJ. So anyone who has an interest with leading your club for the next two years, please email me with your name, and you will be put on the list of candidates. Also, if you have questions of the duties and the time required to serve in either of these two positions, please send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as possible. The health and energy of this club relies on its leadership and voluntary spirit of the membership. Here is your opportunity to step forward and jump in the drivers seat. I look forward to hearing from you. Most likely I will conduct voting for the nominees in November, via email, when we would have normally met (Nov 19, 2020).

End of Business Topics

Covid19 continues to negatively impact all our lives. We are still following the directives issued by the Ventura County Health Officer, and consequently all of our planned events out at the field have been cancelled. Please remain vigilant with social distancing and protecting yourself, friends and love ones from contracting the virus. I am very proud of how all the members have responded to this crisis, and have committed themselves to keeping our flying site open and operational.

Thanks again, and safe flying.

George Boston, President

Tresurer's Report:

VENTURA COUNTY COMETS			
PERIOD 17 JULY 2020 TO 17 SEPT 2020			
CLUB ACCOUNT		THIS PERIOD	
CHECKING	\$ 14,008.88	EXPENSES	\$ 4,512.92
CHECKS	- \$ 200.00	INCOME	\$ 500.00
CASH	\$ 260.00		
TOTAL	\$ 14,468.88	MEMBERSHIP	84(79)
2019-78	2017-93	2018-86	
2013-78	2014-86	2015-83	2016-92

Editors Note:

I built these floats from a kit for T-28s and will be bringing it to the Lake McSwain Float Fly. I have my fingers crossed.



Additionally, I will be taking photographs during the event. They will be published in the next Comets Tale. I look forward to a time our club can re-connect thru real personal contact, which is what I think our club is allabout. My 2 cents.



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